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R. Steven Whalen
Magistrate Judge

Education: Illinois 1970 BA; Wayne State 1976 JD
Began Service: September 11, 2002
Term Expires: September 10, 2010

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Mona K. Majzoub
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: June 19, 1949
Education: Michigan 1970 BA, 1972 MA; Detroit 1976 JD
Began Service: January 6, 2004
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Paul J. Komives
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Detroit 1954 AB; Michigan 1958 JD

Current Memberships: Federal Magistrate Judges Association; State Bar of Michigan

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Michael Hluchaniuk
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 2008
Term Expires: January 2016

Government: Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney, Bay City (MI) Office,
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Steven W. Rhodes
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Purdue 1970 BS; Michigan 1972 JD
Began Service: March 22, 1985
Term Expires: March 21, 2013

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John Feikens, United States District Court for the District of Michigan (1973)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1981-1985); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit (2003)

Legal Practice: August, Thompson, Sherr & Miller (1977-1978); Kelley & Rhodes (1978-1981)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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Marci B. McIvor
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2003
Term Expires: March 14, 2017

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Phillip J. Shefferly
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2003
Term Expires: 2017

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Thomas J. Tucker
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 21, 2003

Staff

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Walter Shapero

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Michigan 1951 AB; Virginia 1954 LLB
Began Service: July 15, 2002

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court (1954-1956)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Detroit Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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Daniel S. Opperman
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: July 2006
Term Expires: July 2020

Legal Practice: Attorney, Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.

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Robert Holmes Bell
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1966 BA;
Wayne State 1969 JD
Began Service: August 6, 1987
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



Academic: Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School

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